Gateway National Recreation Area



2011 Internship

Your Health, Your Park ~ Tu Salud, Tu Parque

Project Mission

The National Park Service, in partnership with the American Heart Association, offers a healthy-living initiative designed to connect Spanish-speaking communities of Brooklyn and Queens with outdoor recreation, exploration and learning opportunities available in Gateway National Recreation Area.

Description

Bilingual interns will participate in a moderate daily fitness program paired with active outdoor learning experiences. As a team, they will outreach to Hispanic communities to encourage use of the park and heart-healthy lifestyle options for people of all ages.

Urban ecology, communication and health related connections between people and place will be explored through activities to include:

- Biking
- Hiking
- Wildlife Observation

- Sailing
- Camping
- Ethnobotany / Nutrition

- Canoeing
- Orienteering
- Personal Fitness Assessment

Requirements

Participants must be available to work 18 – 24 hours per week, June 27 -August 19.

- Candidates must have ability to communicate effectively in English and Spanish.
- Medical evaluation affirming eligibility for participation in a physical fitness program.
- Must have proof of U.S. Citizenship.

Commitment

Candidates do not have to be in peak physical condition or at their ideal weight to participate. The following character qualities, goals and abilities will be helpful:

- Interest in moving and learning through outdoor experiences
- Motivation to achieve personal goals of physical and emotional fitness
- Ability to work cooperatively with underserved communities

Stipend

\$1,600.00 Total

Location

Interns will meet and depart daily from Floyd Bennett Field (Flatbush Ave - Q35 Bus)

To apply

Before 4/19 - Send letter of interest and resume: National Parks of New York Harbor Education Center Attention: Sheridan Roberts, Internship Coordinator

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